REMARKS

The Office Action dated March 10, 2005 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 1-20 remain pending, the independent claims remaining 1, 14 and 16. Claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 10-12, and 14-19 are amended. Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as indefinite, and are now amended for clarity to overcome the rejection.

Amendment of the independent claims is supported in the specification, at least at page 8, lines 6-15.

As to claim 1, U.S. Patent No. 6,757,530 to Rouse et al. ("Rouse"), cited but not applied, and U.S. Patent No. 6,167,441 to Himmel, also cited but not applied, both fail, alone or in combination, to disclose, feature or suggest at least, "sending a device format preference to said data repository when the device is connected to the network."

As to claim 14, neither non-applied reference discloses or suggests, "excerpted electronic programming guide (EPG) information," and claim 14 distinguishes patentably over the references for at least this reason.

Regarding claim 16, the non-applied references, alone or in combination, fail to disclose, suggest or feature, "a data packet containing a request for specific information, said packet including said data format preference, wherein the data packet is prepared by the device and transmitted over the network to said data repository."

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For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in view of the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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